

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0035] (page 7, line 19 through page 8, line 11) with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] A sail in accordance with the instant invention was manufactured using 15/16 laminated banner vinyl supplied by Value Vinyls, Inc. of Arlington, Texas. The weight of the material is approximately 15/16 ounces per square yard, and is provided in standard widths of either 36 inches, 54 inches or 72 inches. The preferred material, which is shown in exploded detail in Figure 7, preferably comprises at least two sheets of PVC vinyl 52, 53 sandwiching a scrim 54 of crosshatched polyester yarn of approximately 9 x 9 count per square inch and a denier of 1,000. The grab tensile strength of the material at breaking point is 218 pounds per inch in one direction and 195 pounds per inch in a perpendicular direction. The tongue tear, or point of rupture after puncture when a 90 degree pull is exerted thereupon, is 70 pounds in one direction and 66 pounds in a perpendicular direction. The adhesion strength of the multiple layers of vinyl laminate is 20 pounds per each two inches of length, which is the amount of force required to separate the layers 52, 53 from one another. A matte finish was provided to the material prior to printing. Also, preferably but not by way of limitation, an opaque light barrier sheet may be employed between the scrim 54 and at least one of the sheets of PVC vinyl 52, 53, such as sheet 55, to prevent light from passing through the sail as illustrated in FIG. 7.

Please replace paragraph [0036] (page 8, lines 12-17) with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] The sail of the preferred embodiment is comprised of a material which lays flat at substantially all points when not exposed to wind loading but which assumes an airfoil shape with corresponding sail draft d_1 , d_2 , etc. when mounted to a sailing vessel in any known manner and exposed to wind loading. The sail as described further includes informational matter L thereupon (e.g., on an outer surface of the PVC layer 52 as illustrated in FIG. 7), such as textual informational matter, images, or any combination thereof. The sail is ideally suited for advertisement when utilized on near-shore sailing vessels.